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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Accompanying Request for Continued Examination
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

In response to the Office action, made final and mailed on August 22, 2007 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order to submit the following amendment containing revisions to the claims, and accompanying remarks urging the patentability of the claims. Together with the RCE, this amendment, constituting a submission required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and defined in § 1.114(c), is being filed on October 31, 2007 and is therefore timely filed prior to the USPTO's originally scheduled¹, November 1, 2007 effective date for the changes to the rules of practice in the Claims and Continuations Final Rule.

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

¹ I.e., prior to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District Court of Virginia's preliminary injunction enjoining the USPTO from implementing the changes in the Claims and Continuations Final Rule.